Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 LA PAZ 03269 251230Z
ACTION SNM-05

INFO OCT-01 ARA-14 ISO-00 DEAE-00 AGRE-00 /020 W
---------048395 251333Z /53
R 251150Z APR 78
FM AMEMBASSY LA PAZ
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 483

UNCLAS LA PAZ 3269

EO 11652: NA
TAGS: SNAR
SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: S/NM MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
SPECTRAL DATA CORPORATION

REF: STATE 96248

1. IN 1975 EFFORTS ERE INITIATED TO ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY COCA PLANTA-
TIONS BY MEANS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY AND THE USE OF VARIOUS TYPES
OF FILM AND FILTERS. EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHTS WERE CONDUCTED BY GOB
AIR FORCE UNDER AUSPICES OF DR CARLOS BROCKMAN, DIRECTOR OF ERTS-
GEOBOL.

2. A SEPARATE EXPERIMENT WAS CONDUCTED IN OCTOBER 1975 BY MR
A.B. PARK AND W.G. BOONER OF THE EARTH SATELLITE CORPORATION OF
WASHINGTON D.C. INVOLVING FLIGHTS OVER THE YUNGAS AND THE CHAPARE
COCA GROWING AREAS.

3. THESE FLIGHTS AND STUDIES PROVED INCONCLUSIVE AS TO THE
CAPABILITY OF SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFYING THE COCA BUSH BY MEANS OF
AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY, REQUIRING EXTENSIVE GROUND FIELD OBSERVATION
FOR VERIFICATION.

4. THEY PROVED USEFUL, HOWEVER, IN LAYING THE GROUND WORK FOR
REMOTE SENSING AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY WITH GROUND VERIFICATION
NOW UNDERWAY AS PART OF THE COCA ZONES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
511-7271 TO IDENTIFY ALL AGRICULTURAL VEGETATION IN THOSE
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 LA PAZ 03269 251230Z

ZONES.

5. AT THE TIME (1975) DR BROCKMAN WAS AWARE OF TESTS TO DEVELOP
A SIGNATURE OFR OPIUM SIMILAR TO THOSE CONDUCTED BY THE SPECTRAL
DATA CORPORATION AND SUGGESTED THAT ONE COULD POSSIBLY BE DEVELOP-
ED FOR THE COCA LEAF. THAT IS WHERE THE MATTER STANDS. THERE
ARE NO SPECTRAL COMMITTMENTS WITH ERTS-GEOBOL AND DR BROCKMAN AT

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

THE PRESENT TIME.

6. MISSION BELIEVES THAT DEVELOPMENT OF A SIGNATURE FOR COCA LEAF MAY POSSIBLY BE USEFUL ONCE THE GOB ESTABLISHES A CLEAR CUT LIMITATION TO COCA GROWING AREAS AND A PROGRAM OF ERRADICATION OF ILLEGAL PLANTATIONS IS UNDERWAY. IF IT WERE DECIDED TO GO AHEAD AND DEVELOP A SIGNATURE, ERTS-GEOBOL WOULD BE THE PROPER GOB AGENCY TO COORDINATE OUR EFFORTS.
BOEKER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DRUG CONTROL, REMOTE SENSING, CROP DESTRUCTION, AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 25 apr 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 jan 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978LAPAZ03269
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780176-0503
Format: TEL
From: LA PAZ
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780421/aaaaaqwg.tel
Line Count: 71
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: f00d49a8-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION SNM
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 STATE 96248
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 mar 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2861549
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NARCOTICS: S/NM MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SPECTRAL DATA CORPORATION
TAGS: SNAR, BL, SPECTRAL DATA CORPORTATION
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkvgwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/f00d49a8-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014